

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 1 and 3 to 6, and add new Claims 7 to 10 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A document processing method of processing a document file in pages, comprising steps of:

(a) displaying a document structure of a first document file in a display region in a tree structured form;

(b) inputting an instruction to insert at least one second document file to the first document file displayed in the display region by dragging the second document file into an insertion position in the document structure of the first document file;

(c) ~~presenting~~ displaying, in accordance with the input instruction, a menu dialog of candidates for selecting an insertion method of the second document file in inserting the second document file to the first document file; ~~and~~

(d) determining which candidate is selected from the candidates in the menu dialog; and

(e) inserting the second document file to the first document file on the basis of the insertion method of the candidate determined in said determining step, selected from the presented candidates

wherein the menu dialog of the candidates displayed in said displaying step includes at least a first type in which one chapter is newly generated at the insertion position and pages of the second document file are arranged in the newly generated

chapter, and a second type in which pages of the second document file are arranged in an existing chapter at the insertion position.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein in the step (c), a document structure type candidate corresponding to at least one of the insertion position and the number of second document files is presented.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[2]] 3, wherein the document structure includes at least a chapter in an upper layer and a page in a lower layer,

a document structure type includes and wherein the menu dialog of the candidates displayed in said displaying step further includes a first third type in which chapters are newly generated from the insertion position by the number of second document files and pages of corresponding files are arranged in the generated chapters;

~~a second type in which one chapter is newly generated at the insertion position and pages of the second document file are arranged in the chapter, and~~

~~a third type in which pages of the second document file are arranged at the insertion position.~~

5. (Currently Amended) A program stored on a computer readable medium, the program being which is executed by a computer, the program comprising code for performing the steps of:

(a) displaying a document structure of a first document file in a display region in a tree structured form;

(b) inputting an instruction to insert at least one second document file to the first document file displayed in the display region by dragging the second document file into an insertion position in the document structure of the first document file;

(c) ~~presenting~~ displaying, in accordance with the input instruction, a menu dialog of candidates for selecting an insertion method of the second document file in inserting the second document file to the first document file; ~~and~~

(d) determining which candidate is selected from the candidates in the menu dialog; and

(e) inserting the second document file to the first document file on the basis of the insertion method of the candidate determined in said determining step, selected from the presented candidates

wherein the menu dialog of the candidates displayed in said displaying step includes at least a first type in which one chapter is newly generated at the insertion position and pages of the second document file are arranged in the newly generated chapter, and a second type in which pages of the second document file are arranged in an existing chapter at the insertion position.

6. (Currently Amended) A document processing apparatus which processes a document file in pages, comprising:

a memory unit;  
an input device;  
a display device; and  
a processor coupled to the memory unit, the input device and the display device,

wherein the processor reads out a first document file from the memory unit, displays a document structure of the first document file on the display device in a tree structured form, uses the input device to input an instruction to insert at least one second document file to the first document file displayed on the display unit by dragging the second document file into an insertion position in the document structure of the first document file, displays, on the display unit in accordance with the input instruction, a menu dialog of candidates for selecting an insertion method of the second document file in inserting the second document file to the first document file, and determines which candidate is selected from the candidates in the menu dialog, and inserts the second document file to the first document file on the basis of the insertion method of the determined candidate, selected from the displayed candidates.

wherein the menu dialog of the candidates displayed in said displaying step includes at least a first type in which one chapter is newly generated at the insertion position and pages of the second document file are arranged in the newly generated chapter, and a second type in which pages of the second document file are arranged in an existing chapter at the insertion position.

7. (New) The program according to claim 5, wherein in the step (c), a document structure type candidate corresponding to at least one of the insertion position and the number of second document files is presented.

8. (New) The program according to claim 7, wherein the document structure includes at least a chapter in an upper layer and a page in a lower layer,  
and wherein the menu dialog of the candidates displayed in said displaying step further includes a third type in which chapters are newly generated from the insertion position by the number of second document files and pages of corresponding files are arranged in the generated chapters.

9. (New) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein when the processor displays the menu dialog of the candidates, a document structure type candidate corresponding to at least one of the insertion position and the number of second document files is presented.

10. (New) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the document structure includes at least a chapter in an upper layer and a page in a lower layer,  
and wherein the menu dialog of the candidates further includes a third type in which chapters are newly generated from the insertion position by the number of second document files and pages of corresponding files are arranged in the generated chapters.